

AN ACT

relating to the participation of open-enrollment charter schools in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 134.004, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 134.004. JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXANS (JET) GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program to provide grants to public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges, and independent school districts and open-enrollment charter schools described under Section 134.007 that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by the advisory board. The commission shall award the grants on the advice and recommendations of the advisory board.

(b) Grants may be awarded under this chapter from the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) fund to defray the start-up costs associated with the development of new career and technical education programs at public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state colleges, and independent school districts and open-enrollment charter schools described under Section 134.007 that meet the requirements of Section 134.006.

SECTION 2. Sections 134.006(a) and (d), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The commission may award a grant for the development of  
2 new career and technical education courses or programs at public  
3 junior colleges, public technical institutes, public state  
4 colleges, [~~and~~] independent school districts, and open-enrollment  
5 charter schools.

6 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a  
7 public junior college, public technical institute, public state  
8 college, or independent school district or open-enrollment charter  
9 school described under Section 134.007 must provide matching funds  
10 in accordance with rules adopted under Section 134.008. The  
11 matching funds may be obtained from any source available to the  
12 public junior college, public technical institute, public state  
13 college, [~~or~~] independent school district, or open-enrollment  
14 charter school, including industry consortia, community or  
15 foundation grants, individual contributions, and local  
16 governmental agency operating funds.

17 SECTION 3. Section 134.007, Education Code, is amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 134.007. GRANTS AWARDED TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
20 OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL. The commission may award a  
21 grant to an independent school district or open-enrollment charter  
22 school under this chapter if the district or school has entered into  
23 a partnership with a public junior college, public technical  
24 institute, or public state college for the purpose of:

25 (1) promoting career and technical education to the  
26 district's or school's students; or

27 (2) offering dual credit courses to the district's or

1 school's students.

2           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 346 passed the Senate on April 12, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 11, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 346 passed the House, with amendment, on May 4, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 20, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor